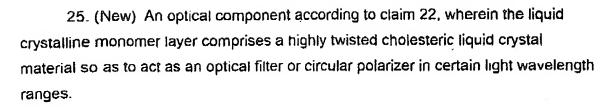


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- 26. (New) An optical component according to claim 22, further comprising an absorptive color filter layer.
- 27. (New) An optical component according to claim 22, wherein the liquid crystalline monomer layer is ferroelctric.
- 28. (New) An optical component according to claim 22, wherein the liquid crystalline monomer layer has non-linear optical activity.
- 29. (New) An optical component according to claim 22, wherein the liquid crystalline monomer layer contains dichroic dye molecules.
- 30. (New) An optical component according to claim 22, wherein the liquid crystalline monomer layer consists essentially of a cross-linked monomer or a monomer mixture which in the monomeric state is liquid crystalline at a temperature of from about 15°C to about 80°C, at least during the processing period.
- 31. (New) The optical component according to claim 30, wherein the temperature range is from about 15°C to about 80°C.

## Remarks

Claims 22-31 are pending in this application. Support for the new claims appears throughout the specification. For example, support for new claim 22 appears in the specification at page 1, lines 8-10; page 6, line 23 to page 7, line 1; page 7, lines 9-19; and page 10, lines 7-10. Support for new claim 23 appears in the specification at page 10, lines 15-16. Support for the remaining claims appears, among other places, in the original claims.

